

27 September 1960

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Notes on the meeting held in 1402 I Building this date, at the request of [REDACTED] in order to launch the new Clandestine Services Special Operations Program.

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telling them he wanted their particular interest and enthusiasm devoted to the new program, which was to encourage ideas and to help win the cold war.

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Last Tuesday, [REDACTED] office sent out a notice to all Support Chiefs. He sent many copies in each package so that the word would get out that the meeting would be held on Tuesday, 27 September and 4 October 1960 from 0900 to 1200. People were to come at their convenience for conferences regarding operational ideas, and that the movie, "The Power of Suggestion," would be shown at 1030.

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When I met [REDACTED] at 0900, we waited until about 0930 when the first person dropped in. I therefore called all the Support Chiefs and made arrangements for them to send their people over. It so happened that the notice was received last Tuesday and they went to the country last Wednesday thru Friday. This was the reason they did not get any action on it. However, I ~~stated~~ talked with each one, urged them to discuss this matter

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at their next Staff meeting, and told them that there would be another arrangement on 4 October and would they please urge their people to come at that time.

In addition to the Support Chiefs, I called some friends throughout the DD/P, some Reports Officers, Case Officers, and an Executive Officer or two. I do believe that next week we will have a better showing.

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██████████ conducted a very nice informal meeting with the people as they came in, discussing what had prompted this emphasis on the CS Special Operations Program and told what his part would be in it. We handed out, to each person, a sheet, classified SECRET, which described the method that the DD/P people should employ in sending their ideas to ██████████ for consideration. We also gave each person a copy of the Suggestions vs Job Responsibilities paper.

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The persons who did come, finally about fifteen, seemed to have ~~different~~ ^{original} ideas in mind. They were the higher level officers throughout the DD/P, and I believe that they were sent there, actually, by the Support Chiefs whom I had called; but they did seem to be the kind of people who could be interested in the program. We then showed the movie, and the short film also, principally because it emphasizes the importance of a Clandestine idea and the size of award that can be given. Also, the remarks made by Gen. Cabell are 'right to the point' as far as the DD/P people are concerned.

Our session closed about 1145, and we have high hopes that the next meeting will be more fruitful.

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This brought forth an idea from [REDACTED] that it might be wise for [REDACTED] to stand at the door and check the incoming people, just to be sure that they all have DD/P badges.

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